Wharfmaster Gets Busy, But Still Need U. S. Help, He Says.

Work of the three small crews of hegro laborers trying to clean the Angean stable-like deposits of must along the Memphis wharf was directed Monday morning to keeping two big outlets of Memphis sewers free of the fifth that has accumulated to such great depth nince the river began falling a fortnight ago.

Mouths of severs at the foot of Union avenue and Court avenue were free of must Monday after several hours of hard labor upder the direction of W P. Shea, city wharfmaster. That official still maintains that nothing should the work of a government grades and dredge will completely remove the must.

mud.
Wharfmasters in the past have kept
the sediment moving us the water receded so as not to have to move it so

oeded so as not to have to move it so far.

The suction dredge Zeta is husily engaged in effort to keep navigation clear in the channel. Bredging to the dept. of 18 feet or more near the wharf's edge is expected to cause some of the depoint to stip off into the river. If this had been done cather, city officials claim, the problem would not be such a lisrge one. It is said that the city would reimburse the government if the dredges would be put on the work and it is also reported that the United States engineers have a number of men idle, but so far there has been no open offer to recompensa the government for the work should the decision to help the city be reached.

Mannwhile the summer sun is breeding disease germs at a rapid rate, the stench is increasing and traffic by excursion boats and river packets greatly crippled.

#### BODY OF DROWNED BOY RECOVERED AT MADISON

FORREST CITY, Ark., June 28. (Spl.)

The body of the young Rock Island freight clerk, James Runyan, who Sunday afternoon was drowned in the St. Francia river at Madison, was fished out from under the logging barge used by the J. W. Wheeler Sawmilling company by Cliff Harris, an employe of the American Express company of this city. Harris used a pike pole with which he succeeded in hooking into the leg of Runyan's bathing suit. The body was immediately brought to the family home in this city in a motor truck.

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Following the tragedy it developed that Runyah had gone to the river with a party of friends for the purpose of learning how to swim and, it is said, had pushed a siab of timber into the stream with the intention of laying hold upon it while he paddied around near the bank, but when he attempted to reach the slab in springing from the bank he failed to reach the piece of timber and went down under the logging barge, where he drowned before any of his friends could reach and rescue him. The funeral will be held Tuesday toorning upon the arrival of relatives to the family from Hot Springs.

#### AEGRO HIGHWAYMEN HAVE NEW SCHEME

None of the negro bandits who turned new trick at midnight Saturday, in iting an automobile, so that the oc could be robbed, had been

rigants could be robbed, had been right Monday by the police and departives. The victims of the negro stickup men were Lyman I. Smith manager of the Western Union telegraph office at Paducah, Ky; A. S. Young, 1001 Madison avenue, and C. E. Rimer. 760 Adams avenue.

The three men in an automobile were driving along Wainut street. In passing shadows near Georgia avenue, a nearre stepped from the sidewalk and pointed toward the wheels of the car. Thinking something was wrong with the automobile, Rinner, who was driving, clapped on the brakes. As the targiopped, two more negroes emerged from the darkness corrying pistols. The first negro also drew a pistol. Dimanding their victime to step out the three negroes quickly made a search of their pockets. From Smith, the hegroes got \$25; from Rinner, \$15, and Young, \$39.

#### SERVICE CAR COLLIDES WITH AUTO; ONE HURT

When two automobiles crashed together at noon Sunday at Woodlawn street and Jackson avenue, the lighter car is said to have burdled entirely over the radiator of the other car and to have turned turtle several yards away.
Rawls Stanley, 16 years old, of the "536" Tire company, was catapulted against a pole, suffering a fracture of the skull. He was picked up by Dr. E. C. Ham, who resides near the scene of the accident, and taken to the Gartly-Ramsay hospital, where it was said Monday he has a fair chance to recover. Stanley was in a service car of the tire company, driven by Abe Scott, negro employe. It was whitsing out Jackson avenue at high speed, according to the witnesses.

An automobile driven by Dr. B. L. Arrington, negro physician, turned out of Woodlawn street and was struck by the light service car. Both cars were damaged.

#### MARINES IN MEMPHIS AGAIN LEAD SOUTH

Fifty per cent of the men entisted in the South in the United States marine corps were signed up in Memphis during the month of June, so far according to reports of 'apt Frank Pilotte, in charge of the local recruiting sustion for the 'devil dogs'.

More than 30 men already have been sent to various stations for active duty so far this month. This is a larger number them have gone all told from other Southern stations combined, including those at Allanta, Houston and New Orleans.

#### KILLED IN BATTLE.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., June 22.
(Spl.)—Private Vardie Shelton, son of Mrs. Daniel Davis, of this county, was killed in battle in France in October, 1918, according to a telsgram to Mrs. Davis received from the war department at Washington.

Private Shelton, who was one of the noblest young men of Tippah to enlist for service overseas, was at first reported as missing in action, then as wounded in battle and finally, after many months of anxiety on the part of his people here, as having made the supreme sacrifice for humanity.

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Chattanooga	33 7.5 -1.9 .00
Johnsonville	25 4.4 *0.5 2.60
Paducah	43 10.1 -0.6 3.00
Davenport	15 6.2 -0.1 .02
Omaha	19 11.8 *0.6 .00
St. Louis	30 17.9 *0.3 1.10
Cairo	45 23.2 -1.1 .18
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# Memphis' First Big Oil Opportunity

**ORGANIZATION** 

# The Seven States Oil Company

A Joint Stock Association, Organized Under the Laws of the State of Texas

Home Office-Wichita Falls, Texas

General Sales Office - Memphis, Tenn.

A Company Owning THREE PRODUCING WELLS, Valuable Proven Acreage in the Heart of the Great Burkburnett District and Vast Holdings in Other Fields, To Be Rapidly Developed, Aggregating More Than 50,000 Acres.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT DIVIDEND

one of our acreages, the value of the leases will immediately

jump, and it is our purpose to dispose of a sufficient number

of leases to net the stockholders a hundred per cent dividend,

and at the same time retain a majority of the acreage for fu-

ture development and consequent enrichment of the stock-

Cut showing Company's three Producing Wells at Burkburnett, Texas, yielding approximately 530 barrels daily or a net revenue of approximately \$25,000 per month.

Statement of Mr. J. D. Wrather,

Secretary and Treasurer

ness in Texas, and have for several months actively participated in the

exploitation of oil territories. I have had first-hand knowledge of

much of the development that has taken place during recent months,

and it is my sincere opinion that the proposition offered by The Seven

States Oil Company in connection with the sale of its stock, has had no

equal from the standpoint of the purchaser. The wells now producing

assure large dividends; the proven acreage at Burkburnett furnish an al-

most certain prospect for finding oil and the lease holdings provide un-

limited opportunities for tremendous increase in values. I firmly believe that the record of The Seven States Oil Company will equal that of

the Texas Company, the Cosden Company and the Sinclair Company,

J. D. WRATHER.

"For a number of years I have been familiar with the oil busi-

holders of the Company.

As stated elsewhere, when one well is brought in on any

#### GREATEST OIL DEVELOPMENT IN HISTORY

Eight years ago the great Electra oil field of Texas was discovered, and production development has proceeded on a marvelous scale. Within the past year the greatest oil boom of all history has been growing by leaps and bounds, with thousands of wells having been brought in yielding millions of barrels of valuable oil, pouring from apparently unbounded oil pools in the bowels of the earth.

It is estimated that 1,500 men have been made millionaires within the last year in Texas, and that thousands have accumulated fortunes. An unusual phase of the development is that small investors have profited in the same proportion as large investors, and in much greater numbers. Many Memphians have made investments in oil and have already profited beyond their expectations. There is no diminution, but rather a tremendous increase in the development of the producing oil fields of Texas. This is notably true of the Burkburnett, Wichita Falls and Amarillo fields. Thousands of business men from all parts of the country, some on special trains, have been pouring into these districts. This wonderful development is based, not upon "mushroom" structure, but upon the solid foundation of liquid wealth, brought to the earth's surface, refined and sent into the world's commerce.

The proposition for having a share in the acquisition of this wealth, as outlined in the following paragraphs, is worthy the careful consideration of all thoughtful persons. It is to your interest to get the information given here, as we sincerely believe this opportunity is an open door to large accumula-

#### **Our Present Holdings**

The Seven States Oil Company is a joint stock association, organized under the laws of the State of Texas, and now owns the following properties:

1. THREE PRODUCING WELLS in the Burkburnett field, yielding approximately 530 barrels per day, at a net profit to the company of approximately \$25,000.00 per month, thus assuring immediate dividends.

2. Three acres in the very heart of the Burkburnett field, with wells already producing on contiguous acreage on all sides.

3. The Oil and Gas leases on approximately 10,000 acres of land in Potter County, Texas, adjoining the City of Amarillo and within sight of the big gas well recently struck, which is to furnish the City of Amarillo with fuel and illuminating gas. The bringing in of this gas well increased the value of the stock of the Amarillo Oil Company from \$10.00 to more than \$1,000.00 per share. This land is in the heart of the geological structure and gives promise of being worth millions of dollars.

4. The Oil and Gas leases on approximately 15,000 acres in Oldham County, Texas, with an oil structure eight miles long adjoining the famous Glen-Rio leases.

5. The Oil and Gas leases on 10,000 acres in Arkansas, selected by an experienced driller and pronounced by a leading geologist as being the most promising oil structure in Arkansas. We expect to find oil in quantities ranging from 1,000 to 5,000 barrels production.

6. The Oil and Gas leases on 1,000 acres in the Kentucky Oil fields, where high-grade oil has been struck in practically every well drilled.

7. A contract for 17,500 acres in Castro and Swish-

er counties, Texas, near a well now being drilled.

## Our Proposition—Dividend Oct. 1

The Capital Stock is divided into shares with a par value of \$10.00 each, the proceeds from the sale of the stock to be used for drilling other wells upon the proven acreage, as well as the exploitation of our vast lease holdings and making other investments as authorized by the directors of the Company. The production from the three wells is now netting the Company approximately \$25,000.00 per month. \$300.000.00 per year, an amount sufficient to pay handsome dividends from the very beginning, and the Company agrees to pay monthly dividends beginning October 1, 1919.

It is the purpose of the Company to return to the stock-holders at the earliest possible moment a hundred per cent dividend, thus making good our assurance that the investment in the capital stock is a safe one. We confidently be-lieve that the wells to be drilled on the three acres in the Burkburnett field, now surrounded on all sides by produc-ing wells, will be worth not less than one million dollars. We also believe that oil will be found on our Amarillo holdings of 10,000 acres, in which event this property will be worth from one to five million dollars. We also believe that we will find oil on the other lease holdings, and we unhesitatingly predict that stock purchased at par, within a year's time will be worth ten for one.

For the present shares may be purchased at par, and it is not too much to expect that our Company should succeed as well as the Texas Company, which began titteen years ago with only \$100,000.00 capital, and today has a paid-up capital aggregating \$85,000,000.00 after having paid cash dividends of \$25,000,000.00. Persons owning \$100,00 in stock in this company have already received \$25, 000.00 in dividends and still own stock worth \$60,000.00

#### CAPABLE MEN WANTED

We can use a few high-class salesmen, capable of presenting a high-class investment opportunity to men of affairs, who can differentiate between a purely speculative venture and a legitimate proposition, combining safety of investment on the one hand and unlimited possibilities on the other.

We have associated with us in the organizatioon of The Seven States Oil Company men of high standing from seven different states; hence the name. These are men who have been successful in their own undertakings. They have been selected because of their unquestioned character and standing in their home communities, and we sincerely believe that not a man connected with the organization would countenance anything but a square deal.

MANAGED BY EXPERIENCED OIL MEN

The management of the company is now, and will continue to be, in the hands of the most successful oil men to be found in the Texas fields, men who are not only familiar with the oil business, but who have been successful in oil operations.

Our president, Mr. W. C. Myers, of Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the pioneer oil operators of Texas. He has operated in the Electra and Burkburnett fields for the past eight years, and has accumulated a fortune that runs into the millions. He is president of the Farmers' State Bank of Burkburnett, vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce, Wichita Falls; president of the Liberty Pipe Line Company; president of the Red River Refining Company, and is interested financially in many oil companies. Mr. Myers will have primary oversight of the operations of The Seven States Oil Company.

Mr. J. D. Wrather, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, of Wichita Falls and Amarillo, Texas, is a successful business man and cattle dealer. He has been active in oil operations since the opening of the Wichita Falls field, and has acquired a fund of information and experience which makes him

a most valuable active participant in the handling of the development of the holdings of The Seven States

Oil Company. Mr. J. D. Lester, First Vice-President, a Mississippi planter, who joined our organization after a most careful investigation into its merits, is a most capable executive, and will be actively connected with the

sale of our lease holdings. Mr. W. F. Lamb, Vice-President, of Fulton, Ky., is one of Kentucky's most successful business men, having accumulated large interests and having built up a reputation among all who know him for highest

character and integrity. Mr. S. T. Randle, Vice-President, of Lexington, Ky., has been most successful in the oil business in Eastern Kentucky for a number of years. Mr. H. K. Greever, of Burkburnett, is a practical and

successful oil operator and is president of several oil companies. He will actively participate in the development of our large holdings.

#### Eight Wells Three Producing Now 50,000 Acres

#### Investment Safe-Possibilities Unlimited

We doubt if there has ever been an Oil Company formed with a wider variety of valuable holdings. The wells now producing make the investment safe and dividends sure; the proven acreage in the Burkburnett field is almost certain to produce oil; and the lease holdings afford prospects of unlimited possibilities.

#### **Immediate Operations**

In addition to the operation of the wells that are now producing, The Seven States Oil Company is under contract to begin drilling wells before September 1st on the three acres in Burkburnett, also on the Amarillo acreage, then on the Oldham county acreage, as well as on the acreage in both Arkansas and Kentucky. The bringing in of just one well on any one of these tracts will automatically increase the value of the leases from ten to twenty

#### Money Oil Is Making

One Hundred Dollars invested has made the investor Holders of Fowler Oil Co. stock received \$16,000.00 for

every \$100 share.

Holders of Burk-Waggoner Oil Co. stock received \$13,333.33 for every \$100 share.

Amarillo Oil Co. stock has sold as high as \$1,100.00 for every ten dollars (\$10.00) invested.

Dividends paid by some of the other companies in the Burkburnett field, there being hundreds of others, are as follows:

follows:

Marine, 500%: Hammond No. 1, 308%: Wichita Falls, 300%: Block 36, 300%; Floydada, 250%; Columbia, 250%; Vindicator, 225%; Citizens', 200%; Hammond No. 2, 200%; Couch Winfrey, 175%; Green River, 175%; Big Pool, 175%. The Seven States Oil Company holdings are in the heart of the above territories. There is every reason to believe that our experience will equal the above.

TIMIDITY and SHORTSIGHTEDNESS will not accumulate great wealth. COURAGE and FARSIGHTEDNESS.

mulate great wealth. COURAGE and FARSIGHTEDNESS in the investment of some of your surplus may bring you

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whose holdings now mount up into many millions."

A limited amount of the stock of The Seven States Oil Company has been allotted to this territory. If you would be among the thousands that are becoming wealthy by investing in oil, buy a block of the stock here

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it is agreed and understood that the shares hereby applied for are to carry a full pro rata interest in the THREE PRODUCING WELLS and all other holdings of the Seven States Oil Co. now owned or that may be had from time to time, including the vast acreage owned by said Company, and all wells that are to be drilled. The Company agrees to begin paying monthly dividends October 1st, 1919.

(Signed) .....